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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Takao OGATA, et al. ) : Examiner: Unassigned  
Appln. No.: 09/842,671 ) : Group Art Unit: 2622  
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For: DEVELOPING METHOD AND ) :  
DEVELOPING APPARATUS ) : July 30, 2001

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Sir:

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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/511,245	2/23/2000	2852

A photocopy of the above-cited application also is enclosed.

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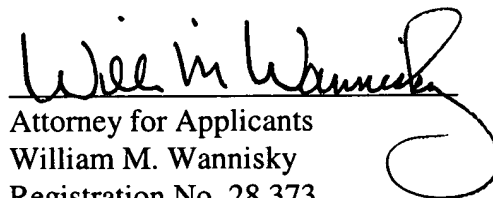
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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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